

Five-year-old found dead at Gazipur flat Stepmother held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Police arrested the stepmother of a five-year-old girl after the child was found dead at her flat in Gazipur's Kaliakoir on Wednesday night.

The law enforcers recovered the body of Mim Akter, daughter of Sabuj Mia from Belkuchi, Sirajganj, said police.

Her stepmother, Ayna Akhter, was arrested after a case was filed against her with Kaliakoir Police Station over the incident, said Sub-inspector Abdur Razzak.

According to police and family, Sabuj took her new wife Ayna his home in the upazila's Harinhata area a few days ago. Mim used to live with her mother on the third floor of the building.

Mim went missing around 10:00am on Tuesday. As her parents could not trace her till noon, they and the locals started searching but failed to find her, they added.

Upon suspicion, locals searched Ayna's flat on the fifth floor and found Mim's body in a sack on one of her sun-sheds around 8:00pm, said SI Fancy Jewel, investigating officer of the case.

PRAYER TIMING MAY 24. Fazr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha. AZAN 4-05 12-30 5-00 6-40 8-00. JAMAAT 4-40 1-15 5-15 6-45 8-30. SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



A potter spins his wooden wheel and crafts these clay pots in Shimuleswar village of Jhalakathi district. The pots, used for various household purposes, are then sent all across the country and sold at a wholesale price of Tk 15-20 each.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Nurjahan Murshid a pioneer of women's rights

Speakers tell commemorative event

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nurjahan Murshid had played a pivotal role in women's awakening, politics, and organising the Liberation War, said speakers at a commemorative event on Wednesday.

"Uttarshuri: Nurjahan Sarwar Murshid Cultural Centre" organised the event



titled "Murshidabad Onushongo and Women's Awakening in the 20th Century" marking the 99th birth anniversary of Nurjahan Murshid at the Bangla Academy. Speakers recounted how Nurjahan moved to this region from Murshidabad of West Bengal after the partition, served as a headteacher in Barishal, joined

Radio India, and taught at Vigarunnisa Noon School.

They also highlighted the emergence of a creative generation in the 1950s, which laid the foundation for the country's subsequent development.

Presenting the keynote speech, Hasibur Rahman, a regional history researcher from Murshidabad, discussed the significant impact of the women's awakening in the 20th century on the development

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Six injured in clash over land

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

At least six people were injured in a clash between two groups over land dispute in Sarishabari, Jamalpur on Wednesday night.

The clash lasted for about half an hour at Bilbalia village, said locals.

The injured - Jahangir Alam, his wife Shamsunnahar, son Rakibul Islam, daughter Sumi Akhtar, and neighbours Tengku Begum and Mahmudul Hasan - were undergoing treatment at Sarishabari Upazila Health Complex.

UP member Jahangir Alam and his neighbour Selim have a longstanding dispute over 26 decimals of land, Sarishabari Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mosfiqur Rahman quoted locals as saying.

On Wednesday night, they had an altercation over the issue and, at one stage, Salim and his family members attacked Jahangir and his family with knife and stick, said the OC.

Denying the allegations, Salim said Shamsunnahar and Rakibul first attacked him; then his supporters retaliated.

MONTH-LONG DENGUE DRIVE DNCC realises Tk 3 lakh fine, files 16 cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around Tk 3 lakh was collected in fines and 16 cases were filed against home owners who had Aedes mosquito larvae in their buildings during a month-long drive of Dhaka North City Corporation that concluded yesterday.

During the drive, teams of DNCC visited around 1.67 lakh houses across 54 wards of DNCC and conducted awareness rallies led by ward councillors, says a press release.

On April 22, DNCC Mayor Md Atiqul Islam inaugurated the month-long public awareness

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Over 25pc DSCC areas to be covered with trees: Taposh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh yesterday said more than 25 percent areas under DSCC will be brought under afforestation programme.

He said this while inaugurating a tree planting and sapling distribution programme at Nagar Bhaban.

"Our tree cover was below 10 percent. Through implementing tree plantation initiatives following the instructions of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, it has now reached 17 percent. However, she has given us a target to expand tree cover in the city area to 25 percent to combat the effects of climate change," Taposh said.

"Together, we will transform Dhaka into a beautiful, lush green metropolis," he added.

ইজারা নবায়ন সংক্রান্ত জরুরী গণবিজ্ঞপ্তি. এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, সড়ক পরিবহন ও মহাসড়ক বিভাগ, সড়ক পরিবহন ও সেতু মন্ত্রণালয়, সম্পত্তি শাখার স্মারক নং- ৩৫.০০.০০০০.০২৩.১৮.০০৯.২৪-১১১ তারিখঃ ১৬/০৫/২০২৪খ্রিঃ এর নির্দেশনা মোতাবেক রাজবাড়ী সড়ক বিভাগের আওতাধীন সড়ক ও জনপথ অধিদপ্তরের ভূমিতে স্থাপিত রিফুয়েলিং স্টেশনের ইজারা (প্রবেশপথসহ) এবং ব্যক্তি মালিকানাধীন ভূমিতে স্থাপিত রিফুয়েলিং স্টেশনে যাতায়াতের প্রবেশপথের ভূমির ইজারাকৃত যে সকল ইজারাদার ২০২২-২০২৩ পর্যন্ত ইজারা নবায়ন করেন নি, তাদেরকে জুন ২০২৪খ্রিঃ এর মধ্যে সকল বকেয়া ইজারা মাস্তুল পরিশোধ করে নবায়নের প্রয়োজনীয় ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণের জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয় সড়ক ও জনপথ অধিদপ্তর সড়ক বিভাগ, সিলেট. "সেতুর ইজারা কোটেশন আহ্বান বিজ্ঞপ্তি"

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, নাটোর দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি. ১ মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ: সমাজকল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়. ২ প্রকল্প: সমাজসেবা অধিদপ্তর, ঢাকা. ৩ সজ্ঞায়ক সত্তার নাম: মহাপরিচালক, সমাজসেবা অধিদপ্তর, ঢাকা এর পক্ষে জেলা প্রশাসক, নাটোর।



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Ctg to get first arch bridge

SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

Chattogram is going to get its first arch bridge, as construction has begun on a branch canal of the Karnaphuli river under Patiya upazila in the district.

Officials of Roads and Highways Department (RHD), the implementing authority, claimed the bridge will be an eye-catching structure which will attract visitors.

They said an arch bridge offers advantages such as smooth movement of vessels and lack of silt accumulation.

Pintu Chakma, executive engineer of RHD (Chattogram South), told The Daily Star that they are constructing the bridge to protect the navigability of Shikalbaha canal, a key waterbody in south Chattogram, directly connected to the Karnaphuli and Sangu rivers.

Many goods-laden vessels regularly ply through the canal. To smooth inland transportation, we planned to construct the bridge, he added.

According to project documents, the length of this bridge will be 121 meters and width 15.5 meters, constructed on Chattogram Cox's Bazar highway at a cost of Tk 48 crore.

This correspondent recently visited the site and observed that some workers are working on both banks of the canal.

The construction work began in February. Abdull Mannan, a worker, told The Daily Star that they are working continuously, even at night, to meet deadlines.

Jamal Uddin, sub-divisional engineer of RHD (Patiya division), told this newspaper that they are working to have the bridge ready for traffic by June next year.

Environmentalists have praised the initiative to build a hanging bridge over Shikalbaha canal.

Aliur Rahman, secretary of the Chattogram Nodi o Khal Rokkha Andolon, said, "This initiative will play an important role in maintaining the navigability of the canal."

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The length of this bridge will be 121 meters and width 15.5 meters, constructed on Chattogram-Cox's Bazar highway at a cost of Tk 48 crore. It is likely to be ready for traffic by June next year.

ইজারা কোটেশন নং: ০১/০৬/২০২৩-০২৪/নিশ্রা, সড়ক, সিলেট (৯ম আদান)। ইজারা বিবেক: ২০২৪-২০২৪ অর্থ বছর ও পরবর্তী ০২(দুই) অর্থ বছরের (২০২৪-২০২৬ এবং ২০২৬-২০২৭) জন্য সিলেট সড়ক বিভাগীয় সিলেট-সুনামগঞ্জ সড়কের ১৫ তম কি.মি.-এ রিয়ার এন্ডমিরাল এম.এ খান (গোমাকালী) সেতুর টোল আদায়ের ইজারা কোটেশন।